

**231.2 Legislative findings and declaration.**

The general assembly finds and declares that:

1. Iowa's older individuals constitute a fundamental resource which has been undervalued, and the means must be found to recognize and use the competence, wisdom, and experience of such older individuals for the benefit of all Iowans.

2. The number of persons in this state age sixty and older is increasing rapidly, and of these older individuals, the number of women, minorities, and persons eighty-five years of age or older is increasing at an even greater rate.

3. The social and health problems of older individuals and their caregivers are compounded by a lack of access to existing services and by the unavailability of a complete range of services in all areas of the state.

4. The ability of older individuals to maintain self-sufficiency and to live their lives with dignity, productivity, and creativity is a matter of profound importance and concern for this state.

86 Acts, ch 1245, §1002

C87, §249D.2

C93, §231.2

2009 Acts, ch 23, §13